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House Bill 5925 (As Introduced)

Topic: Liquor—Small Distiller License
Sponsor: Representative Byrum
Co-sponsors: Representatives Griffin, Mayes, Bieda, Proos, Simpson, Condino, Accavitti, Donigan, Robert Jones, Vagnozzi, Valentine, Bauer, Meadows, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Gillard, Hopgood, Coulouris, LeBlanc, Ward, Moore, Nofs, Horn, Hammon, Alma Smith, Meekhof, Huizenga, and Cushingberry

Committee: House Regulatory Reform

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Date of Summary: March 21, 2008

The bill amends multiple sections of the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998 to create a new category of liquor license for small distillers. A “small distiller” is defined as a manufacturer of spirits manufacturing in Michigan 60,000 gallons of spirits or less of all brands combined. The license fee would be \$100. A small distiller is permitted to sell at retail but only from the licensed premises. Sales may include brands manufactured on the premises for consumption off the premises. Prices for off-premise brands are controlled by the Liquor Control Commission. Sales may also include brands manufactured on the premises for consumption on the premises. Samplings or tastings of brands manufactured on the premises may be given. Compliance with server training requirements would be required. Sales by mail order, Internet, telephone, computer, device, or other electronic means are not permitted. A small distiller is not considered a specially designated distributor and is therefore not affected by the licensure prohibition in Section 607.